

**COMMON COUNCIL  
JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES  
FUNDING PROGRAM**

**EXAMPLE  
OF A WELL-WRITTEN & FORMULATED  
GRANT APPLICATION**

STONE BELT ARC, INC.

2007 APPLICATION FOR RENOVATION OF AN ART STUDIO

# Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Application

## Program Funding Sheet

### Lead Agency:

Name Stone Belt Arc, Inc.

Is the Lead Agency a 501(c)(3)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Address where Project will be facilitated or housed:

2815 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bloomington IN 47408

Name of Project Administrator: Bitta Dewees

Address 2815 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bloomington IN 47408

Telephone & E-mail 812-332-2168 x241 / bdewees@stonebelt.org

Name of other participating agencies, if different from Lead Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

### Proposed Project:

Title of Project: Renovation of Art Studio

Total Cost of Project: \$49,105.00

Requested JHSSF Amount: \$9,105.00

### Other Funds Expected for Project:

Amount	Source	Confirmed or Pending
\$20,000	Stone Belt Resources	Confirmed
\$15,000	JP Morgan - Chase Grant	Pending
\$5,000	Private Donor	Confirmed

Number of Clients Served by this Project in 2007: 174

Number of City Residents Served by this Project in 2007: 91

Is this a request for operational costs? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "yes," is the request for a pilot project or for bridge funding? ☐ Pilot ☐ Bridge

### Funding Information:

Example:  
Tables: 5 tables @ \$12.00 each  
Chairs: 20 chairs @ \$8.00 each

*Please note:* Due to limited funds, the Committee often recommends partial funding for a program. In the interest of helping the Committee best decide how to distribute funds, please provide an itemized list of program elements, ranked by priority and their costs.

ITEM	COST
① upgraded lighting	\$3880.00
② double security door	\$1750.00
③ metal drying rack	\$1325.00
④ storage units (various sizes)	\$700.00
⑤ dry wall	\$300.00
⑥ painting	\$300.00
⑦ professional labor	\$850.00

Claim Submission

☒ July 2007 – September 2007 ☐ October 2007 – December 2007

Date: (check one)

☐ Other Dates Needed - As Explained in Application

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## Agency Contact Sheet

### Lead Agency:

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Stone Belt Arc, Inc.

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Bloomington IN 47408

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President of Board of Directors:

Philip W. Meyer

### Director Information

Director of Lead Agency:

Leslie Green, CEO

Director's Address:

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### Presenter Information

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Application to the Committee

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Name of Grant Writer:

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#### Please also include:

- The Agency's Mission Statement in Two-Page Application Narrative
  - A Simple Program Budget for use of requested funds
- A year-end financial statement that includes fund balances and total revenue & expenditures

## Agency Mission

Stone Belt Arc provides resources and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. We believe in the uniqueness, worth and right to self-determination of every individual. It is our mission, in partnership with the community, to prepare, empower and support persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of the community. Stone Belt's work includes educational programs, employment services (job coaching, placement, and on-site manufacturing), residential programs (group homes and supported living sites), and psychological and clinical health services. Stone Belt serves over two thousand clients in Monroe and surrounding counties.

## Nature of the Project

Stone Belt is requesting **\$9,105.00** from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee for completion of a renovation of the manufacturing site in our Bloomington facility. These funds will go specifically toward the renovation of a quadrant of the manufacturing site utilized as an art studio for production of Stone Belt's product line of client-designed and manufactured fine art pieces (produced under the name of Stone Belt Art & Craft).

The final phase of the overall manufacturing site renovation project, for which Stone Belt is seeking funding from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee, involves the creation of a secured, designated art space, including: installation of upgraded lighting; completion of separation walls; installation of a security door; painting of the space; and the purchase of a drying rack and of storage for art materials. Funds for all other aspects of the manufacturing renovation have either been secured or are pending at this time.

The manufacturing facility at Stone Belt in Bloomington was built in 1978 for the purpose of providing space for light manufacturing employment for agency clients. The manufacturing site has been in continuous use for twenty nine years, with very little in the way of renovation to the facility or upgrades to the furniture utilized in production. Currently, the manufacturing space is divided and used for four purposes: continuous light manufacturing subcontracted through various companies from around the region and county; manufacturing of leather pieces as a component of Stone Belt Leatherworks; Stone Belt's Career Advancement Services educational programs; and fine art design and production for Stone Belt Art & Craft.

In addition to the creation of the expanded, designated art studio, the renovation project for the manufacturing site includes the purchase of professionalized and ergonomic manufacturing furniture, deep cleaning of the manufacturing equipment and facility, and facility painting.

## Satisfaction of Funding Criteria

### ***The Program Should Address a Previously Identified Social Service Fund Priority***

Stone Belt serves a population, individuals with developmental disabilities, previously identified as a priority for social service funds as indicated in the 2003 SCAN report. The report states that there are over 8,500 individuals with developmental disabilities ages 21-64 living in Monroe County, with 4% of households surveyed reporting having a household member with a disability. According to SCAN, individuals with developmental disabilities are "vulnerable to financial constraints." All clients served by Stone Belt Arc, and this proposed project in specific, are individuals with developmental disabilities and are a part of the low income population of Bloomington and Monroe County.

The project proposed by Stone Belt Arc takes place completely within its Bloomington, Indiana facility at 2815 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Bloomington. More than half of the clients served in this location are residents of the City of Bloomington, with the remaining residents living in near proximity to the City of Bloomington.

***The Funds Should Provide a One-Time Investment with Leveraged Matching Funds***

The funds requested for this project represent a one-time investment in the renovation of Stone Belt's manufacturing workshop in Bloomington. The renovations will allow for a significant expansion of services of an innovative agency initiative (art production), as well as for a more professionalized, upgraded work environment for clients.

As outlined in the attached budget, Stone Belt is seeking funds from the John Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee toward completion of the renovation project. Stone Belt has received (or has grant applications pending) for more than 80% of the total costs associated with the project, and is seeking support to complete the final phase of renovation – creation of the art production studio.

Stone Belt does receive a small percentage of its budget from a county tax levee. However, this amount does not represent a significant amount of annual revenue in comparison to the total budget associated with programming in Bloomington. County taxes represent 2.05% of Stone Belt's overall revenue, and 3.1% of its revenue for Monroe County services.

***The Program Should Have Broad and Lasting Benefit to the Community***

Manufacturing opportunities at Stone Belt have provided close to thirty years of meaningful vocational training for many individuals with developmental disabilities. As challenges such as outsourcing have caused shifts in the economic environment, Stone Belt has sought to find innovative and creative ways to allow clients to express their abilities and talents while earning a competitive wage. Stone Belt's launch of the Art & Craft studio is an exciting venture in providing professional opportunities for individuals.

Clients are encouraged to express themselves through the art experience, and their creations are then translated into marketable pieces that are completed not only by the individual artists, but by additional client craftspeople as well - with each participant earning a competitive wage. This business venture not only makes a difference in people's lives by providing meaningful employment; it also provides personal growth opportunities for the clients as they come to view themselves as community artists and artisans.

In addition to serving as a professionalized space for production of the Art & Craft art line, the studio also serves as a place where local community artists work side by side with Stone Belt client artists. The studio is utilized as an art incubator in the creation of collaborative pieces for community-wide display and celebration in such venues as the Lotus World Music Festival, Arts Week, and city park permanent installations. Stone Belt clients are building meaningful social capital as they create lasting relationships of learning and growth with members of the non-disabled community.

As greater numbers of community members find their way into the Stone Belt facility through the renovated art studio and expanded art program, they will grow through the experience of engaging with Stone Belt clients. As reported in the 2003 SCAN report, "People with disabilities are still often hampered by public discomfort and misunderstanding of their capacities. Greater awareness and education about these issues are needed." The renovated Stone Belt art studio will have lasting benefit not only for Stone Belt clients, but also for individuals throughout the community and for the community as a whole.

**Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee**  
**Project Budget**  
**Submitted by Stone Belt Arc**

Budget Item	Cost	Funding Source	Total Provided	Confirmed	Pending
Deep Cleaning	\$15,000	Stone Belt Resources	\$15,000	yes	
Painting of Non-Art Spaces	\$5,000	Stone Belt Resources	\$5,000	yes	
Manufacturing Furniture	\$15,000	JP Morgan Chase	\$15,000		yes
Career Advancement Furniture	\$5,000	Private Donor	\$5,000	yes	
Art Studio Lighting	\$3,880	Jack Hopkins			yes
Metal Drying Rack	\$1,325	Jack Hopkins			yes
Security Door	\$1,750	Jack Hopkins			yes
Storage Units	\$700	Jack Hopkins			yes
Art Studio Dry Wall	\$300	Jack Hopkins			yes
Art Studio Painting	\$300	Jack Hopkins			yes
Art Studio Renovation Labor	\$850	Jack Hopkins			yes

**TOTAL PROJECT COST           \$49,105**

**TOTAL LEVERAGED FUNDS   \$40,000**

**TOTAL REQUESTED           \$9,105**